

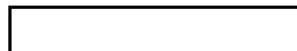
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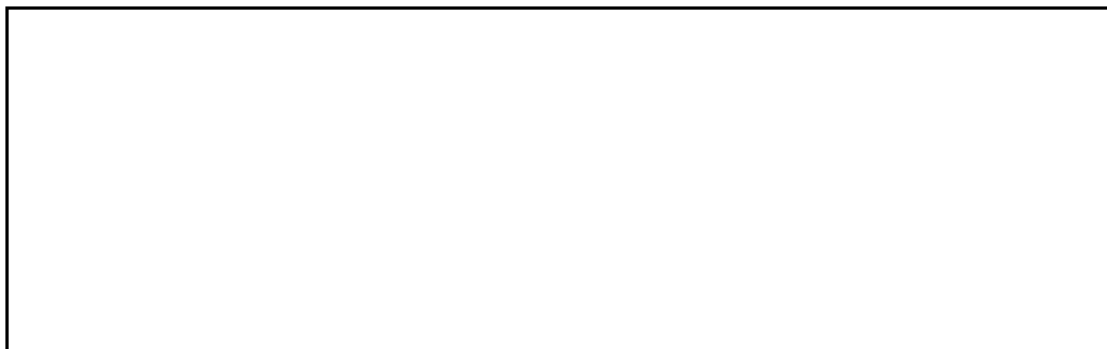
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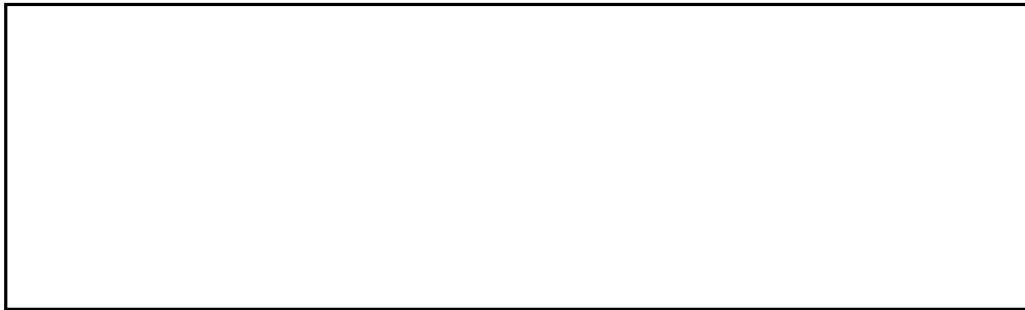
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### 3. COMMENT ON CRISIS IN GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS

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The Greek press is launching a bitter attack on the United States as a result of the American vote on 21 September against inscription of the Cyprus issue on the agenda of the UN General Assembly.

Both Greek foreign minister Stephanopoulos in New York and Deputy Premier Kanellopoulos in Athens reacted strongly to the American decision and predicted dire developments when given advance information of it. Reports from Athens, including a statement by Ambassador Cannon, suggest, however, that local Greek security forces are probably capable and desirous of handling any demonstrations. British forces on Cyprus are likewise adequate for maintaining local order.

Aside from the possibility of isolated acts of terrorism, the more serious longer-range threat would appear to be the rising trend toward neutralism in Greece, which will be given strong encouragement by the sense of frustration and abandonment now rife in Greek political circles.

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#### 4. YUGOSLAVS PLEDGE CONTINUED CO-OPERATION WITH GREECE

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The Yugoslav government has informed Athens that if Greek-Turkish co-operation should cease, the Yugoslavs would strengthen their co-operation with Greece but would not take comparable action with Turkey, according to the Greek chief of staff, General Dovas. The Yugoslav military attaché, in telling this to General

Dovas, explained that the identical notes sent to Greece and Turkey

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Comment

Should the Balkan alliance break up over Turkish-Greek differences, Yugoslavia would gain more by maintaining close relations with Greece than with Turkey.

Friendly ties with Yugoslavia are vital to Greek security.

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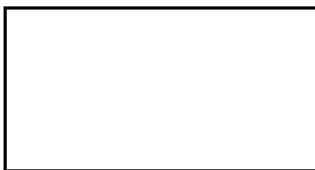
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**5. ICELANDIC OPINION RELATES PORKKALA TO NATO  
BASE AT KEFLAVIK**

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In connection with the Soviet return of Porkkala to Finland, which has created a greater stir in Iceland than any other recent Soviet move, nationalist and left-wing elements are drawing an analogy between Porkkala and the US-manned NATO air base at Keflavik. According to the American legation in Reykjavik, even the Conservative and Progressive press fails to point to the fact that Iceland is a member of NATO and Keflavik a NATO base.

**Comment**

Despite the economic advantages accruing from the Keflavik base, the presence of American troops in Iceland has never been popular among the Icelanders. Even Icelandic leaders favorable to NATO are reluctant for domestic political reasons to defend the presence of Americans.

